

4. May Russell did not marry Joseph Slocum. Rather, her sister, Minnie, did. May Russell married William McAlla (they were first cousins) on November 24, 1862.
5. Thomas Gillespie is one of the eight children of John Gillespie and Jeanette Hume. The other seven children are as follows: 1. William; 2. James; 3. John (who married Jane C. McMichael who was one of the three daughters of James McMichael and May Thompson. John Gillespie and Jane C. McMichael are the parents of William Thompson Gillespie who is the nephew of Jeanette Gillespie Locke); 4. Jane; 5. Jeanette (who married George Locke); 6. Margaret; 7. Joseph.
6. Michael Gillespie's tombstone in Elkdale Cemetery reads as follows: "Michael Gillespie died Sept. 21, 1843 age 50 years a native of Scotland". This date (September 21, 1843) must therefore be taken as the date when the Russell Homestead did in fact become the "Russell Homestead." September 21, 1843 is the date when Christina Russell became the owner of the farm that had belonged to her fiancé, Michael Gillespie.
7. David Liddell did not, presumably, make the journey until after the death of Michael Gillespie on September 21, 1843. One can say with some certainty that the 400-mile ride on horseback took place between September 21, 1843 and June 12, 1844 (the date when Christina and David Liddell were married).
8. It seems to be a safe assumption to say that the Russell Homestead became the property of James Russell in mid-June 1844.
9. Thomas Gillespie's niece, that is to say, one of the daughters of Jeanette Gillespie and George Locke.
10. In the Russell plot in the Maplewood Cemetery, Carbondale, Pa., are buried Jeanette Locke (1799-1872) and Jeanette Locke Scott (1837-1868). The former is the mother of Margaret Gillespie Locke, the latter is the sister of Margaret Gillespie Locke. [The only place in all of the family papers that I have examined in the period November 1976--April 1977 that I have uncovered any definite information about the sister of Margaret Gillespie Locke is in a letter written in 1941 by Eleanor Pritchard Jones to Alice Osterhout, i.e., Mrs. H. W. Goodrich of 524 Main Street, Portland, CT. EPJ compiled extensive charts on the Gillespies and sent a copy of her findings to Alice Osterhout Goodrich (daughter of Janet Gillespie and Milo Osterhout--see pp. 2117 of Vol. I of SRP. EPJ's letter was returned to her by Alice Osterhout Goodrich on June 24, 1941. That letter (currently in the collection of Helen Loomis Russell Powell) was posted June 24, 1941 at 10 AM in Middletown, CT.